

*Simpson County*  
*Early Childhood*  
*Regional Training Center*  
**Summer Institute**

**Jump Start the Heart of  
Your Early Childhood  
Program**



**June 14 – 15, 2011**



**WKU Carroll Knicely West  
Conference Center**

Entrances at 654 Campbell Lane and 2355 Nashville Road  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

W elcome to the Simpson County Early Childhood Regional Training Center's Summer Institute,

***"Jump Start the Heart of Your Early Childhood Program."***

Participants will start the day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, by attending the keynote session with Don Monopoli from the Learning Station for three hours of jump starting heartfelt motivational entertaining movin' and groovin' starting at 8:15 AM. Don Monopoli has many wonderful FREE printable handouts available for your classroom use on the website:

<http://learningstationmusic.com/printablehandouts.html>.

Lunch will be on your own. Participants will then choose from the sessions listed, starting at 12:30 p.m. for their three hours in the afternoon.

Snack and lunch concessions will be available to purchase in the Knicely West lobby from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. both days for your convenience. Free coffee, lemonade and tea will be available throughout the day in the 208F hallway.

June 15<sup>th</sup> has many three hour morning and afternoon sessions to choose from. We are pleased to feature Heather Fox from Nature Explore Classrooms sharing "Using Your Outdoor Classroom" for a morning session repeated in the afternoon. Lunch will again be on your own. We want to thank Todd Clady from Lakeshore Learning for sponsoring Heather Fox. Please stop by his display outside of room 163B. If you'd like to place an order with Todd, he'll accept cash, credit card, and a purchase order with your Lakeshore account number on it.

All participants can receive up to 12 hours of professional development and .12 CEUs for attending the two day institute. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Division of Child Care has registered the conference for Early Care and Education clock hour training approval for 12 hours credit.



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## *Summer Institute Schedule*

### **Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**

*Registration Open*

**8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

*Welcome and Keynote*

*Don Monopoli from*



Healthy Music for a Child's Heart, Body and Mind

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

*Lunch On Your Own*

**12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

*Breakout Sessions*

### **Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**

*Registration Open*

**8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

*Breakout Sessions*

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

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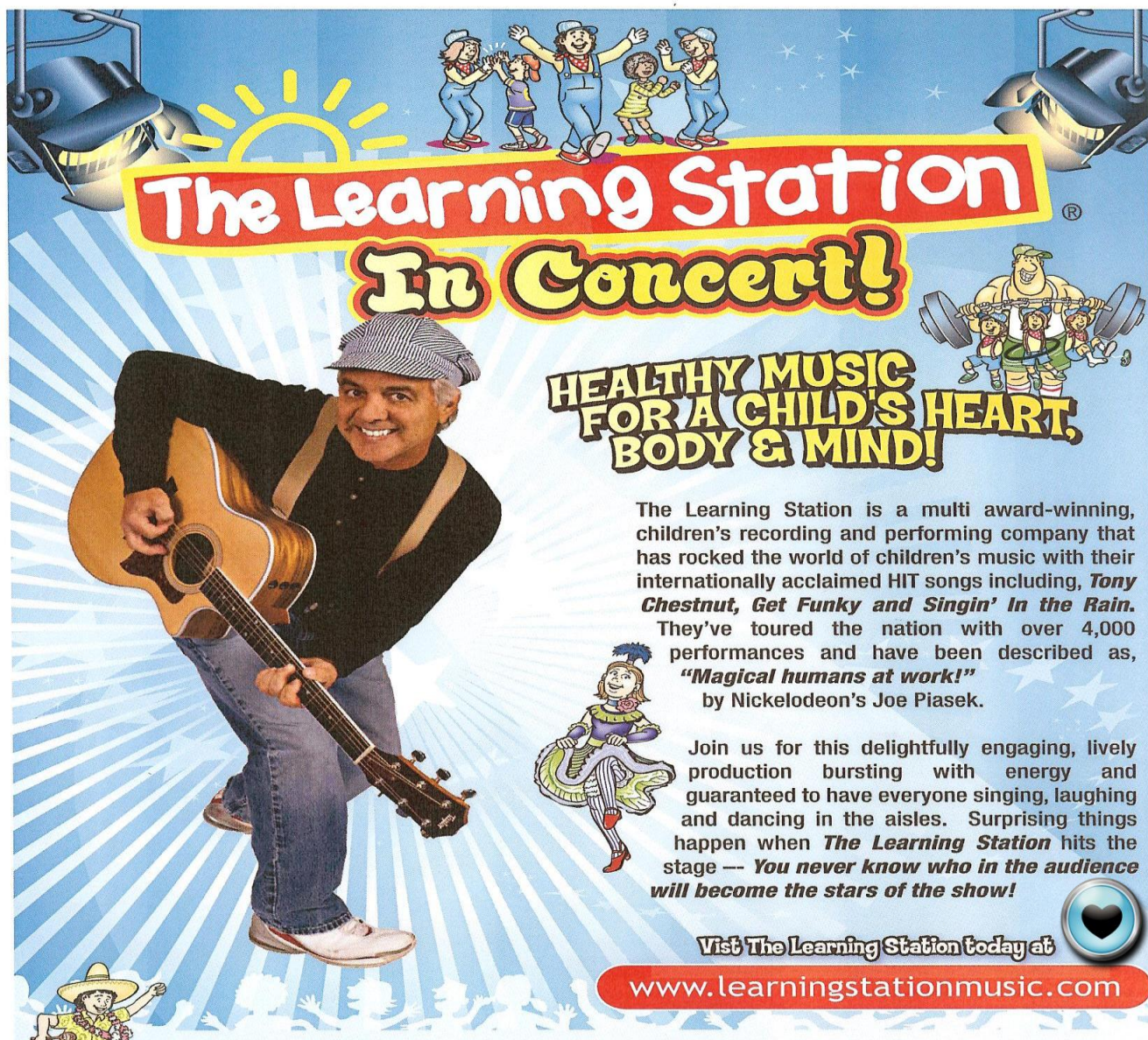
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Knicely West Center

Rooms A-F

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# Institute Schedule

## June 14, 2011

ROOM	8:15 – 11:15	12:30 – 3:30
208 A-F	<i>Don Monopoli</i>	
208 CF		<i>The Engagement Training Series</i>
208 BE		<i>11:15 – to 12:30 Tables available to eat lunch</i>
208 AD		<i>Taking an ECERS Look at Music and Movement in the Classroom</i>
112		<i>Digging Deep into the ECERS-R Item 22 Blocks and Item 23 Sand/Water</i>
113		<i>Color Me Healthy</i>
163 A		<i>ECERS is a MESS but SCIENCE doesn't have to be!!!</i>
163 C		<i>Don't Let ECERS Manipulate You; Manipulate Math Instead!</i>



# Session Previews

## June 14, 2011 PM

- ***The Engagement Training Series with Taylor Tucker***

This session will give you an overview of the Engagement Training Series and demonstrate how these modules can be used with families in your program. The 14 modules are designed to be used with families in your program.

- ***Taking an ECERS Look at Music and Movement in the Classroom with Nicki Patton Rowe***

This interactive session will look at music and movement through the lens of ECERS Item #21 (music & movement). Participants will explore the role music and movement play in early learning, learn how to build children's vocabulary and awareness of musical concepts, discover ways to encourage exploration of sound through singing, listening, and playing with instruments, discuss ways to incorporate different types of music throughout the day and gain new ideas for encouraging creativity.

- ***Digging Deep into the ECERS-R Item 22 Blocks and Item 23 Sand/Water with Elizabeth Lancaster***

Participants will learn how to create an appropriate block space, identify types of blocks, and discover ways to enhance sand/water play. Participants will discover ways to stimulate language reasoning during block, sand/water play; and ultimately increase ECERS-R classroom scores in these areas.

- ***Color Me Healthy with Melanie Napier***

The Color Me Healthy program is designed to be used with children ages four and five. It used color, music, and exploration of the senses to teach children that healthy eating and physical activity are fun!

- ***ECERS is a MESS but SCIENCE doesn't have to be!!! with Genelle Jones (Repeated June 15 AM only)***

You may be stressed about the ECERS but there is NO reason to stress about the science component. During this session, we will discuss easy to implement ideas that will make your journey to a "7" very rewarding!

- ***Don't Let ECERS Manipulate You; Manipulate Math Instead! with Vicki Smith (Repeated June 15 AM only)***

Are you a "math-a-phobic?" Does math for "substantial part of the day" make you cringe? This session will use the ECERS as a springboard for the discussion of math materials for centers and math related activities embedded throughout the day. Vicki will share a sampling of ideas that will transform you from a math-a-phobe into Einstein!

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208 BE	<i>Using Jolly Phonics to Effectively Teach Phonics and Writing</i>	<i>Using Jolly Phonics to Effectively Teach Phonics and Writing</i>
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163 B	<i>Using Your Outdoor Classroom</i>	<i>Using Your Outdoor Classroom</i>



## Heather Fox

Heather Fox is the Infant Toddler Specialist for the Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. In her role, she works with groups interested in creating and maintaining Nature Explore Classrooms. With a Master's of Liberal Studies degree in Child Development and Culture Studies she most recently served as a State-Based Infant Toddler Specialist at Zero to Three National Institute for Infants Toddlers and Families and has spent more than 12 years training Early Childhood professionals. She has considerable experience working with Early Head Start and the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation.

We are thankful to Lakeshore Learning and Todd Clady for sponsoring Ms. Fox.

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- ***Integrating Technology in Preschool Classrooms with Jennifer Hawkins (AM & PM Session)***  
Technology in preschool can include so many different types of hardware and software that it can be overwhelming. Learn how to incorporate a variety of technology devices throughout your day. Learn different software and internet programs and how to incorporate them into your classroom. Learn all this without having to become a "technology expert" while still maintaining an ECERS friendly environment. This session will include a discussion of ECERS item #27 (technology) and related indicators in items #28, #34, #35, #36, and #37. Bring your laptop if possible.
- ***Using Jolly Phonics to Effectively Teach Phonics and Writing with Meagan James (AM & PM Session)***  
Kentucky Early Childhood Standards address many components of literacy from phonemic awareness to print knowledge. Attend this session to learn about *Jolly Phonics*, a researched based curriculum that teaches the letter sounds in an enjoyable, "ECERS friendly" multisensory way. Learn how the presenter has successfully used *Jolly Phonics* to provide a diverse group of children, including ESL children, with a thorough foundation for reading and writing.
- ***Literacy Looks, Books, and Nooks with Cindy McCombs (PM Only)***  
Literacy and language are two of the most important components of the Early Childhood classroom. In this session you will be provided with an example of components of a developmentally appropriate reading area, ECERS related literature, and the opportunity to create classroom appropriate books.
- ***The Importance of Art and Art Activities for Preschool Children with Sherri Meyers (AM & PM Session)***  
This session will discuss the importance of art with preschool children and relate the art center to the recommendations in the ECERS-R. Be prepared to get a little paint on your hands as we explore the world of art!
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